

(c) Canada's social legislation is at times original in concept and wide in coverage: While Canadian programmes are built on the experience of other countries, they at times provide greater benefits and cover a larger segment of the population. For example, in its total expenditures and in the proportion of our older citizens benefitted, Canada's new programme for old age security is in the forefront of all such measures.

(d) Canada's social legislation is within the capacity of the nation: Over the past dozen years, which have witnessed most of Canada's major advances in the field of social legislation, at no time has more than one out of every twenty dollars of the nation's total expenditures been devoted to social security.

Social Action Counters Communism

The great question of today is not how many square miles or millions of people have been conquered by Communist armies or terrified by threat of Communist force, but rather how many human minds and hearts have fallen captive to its philosophy. In the United States and Canada, in our experiments with social legislation, we are moulding a society that is not only prosperous but humane and neighbourly as well.

For the first time in human history we are within reach of satisfying man's material needs, while respecting human rights and aspirations. The success of our democratic society has confirmed our own peoples' belief in it. More important still, our example has strengthened the faith of ordinary men and women in many lands in the future that lies open only to those who keep in their own hands the direction of their destinies. ...

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